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Dr. W. L. Markrich, Linguist, CIA Latin Affairs Analyst

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Dr. William L. Markrich, 53, a political analyst specializing in Latin American affairs for the Central Intelligence Agency, died Saturday at Georgetown University Hospital after a brief illness.

An accomplished linguist, scholar, teacher and lecturer, Dr. Markrich held a number of degrees which he received abroad and in this country. He had been with CIA since 1952.

Dr. Markrich was born in Bremen, Germany, where his father was president of the Jewish Congregation. After completing classical studies in Germany, he attended the University of Perugia in Italy, the University of Grenoble in France and took advanced

courses at the Court of International Arbitration in The Hague.

He received a doctor of laws degree from the University of Genoa in Italy in 1938, then went to Honduras to teach and study before coming to this country in 1940. A year later he was awarded a teaching fellowship at the University of Washington, where he got a master's degree in Spanish in 1943.

That year he became a naturalized citizen while serving in the U.S. Army. He saw service in the China-Burma-India Theater.

After the war, Dr. Markrich studied at the San Francisco University Law School and

later taught in San Francisco public schools. He did further graduate work at the University of California, which awarded him a doctorate in romance languages and literature in 1955.

Dr. Markrich was fluent in half a dozen languages and was the author of a number of book reviews and articles on literary subjects.

He was a member of the American Association of University Professors, the Pan-American Union, Sigma Delta Pi, the Inter-American Press Association and the Pan-Xenia Society.

He is survived by his wife, Lilo, of the home, 3811 N. Vernon st., Arlington, four children, Julia, Michael, Sandra and Jonathan all of the home; his mother, Johanna Markrich, of San Francisco, and two sisters, Mary Schwarz, of St. Paul, Minn., and Irene Fischel, of Berkeley, Calif.



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